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### WOMEN KNEEL ON BEACH AND PRAY FOR SAFETY AS STORM WRECKS SEABRIGHT

Highest Tide Known, Driven in by Gale, Undermines Houses and Hotels.

RESORT IS DOOMED.

Wind Now 60 Miles an Hour and Rising—Atlantic City Suffers Much.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Jan. 3.—Seabright is again in peril from wind and tide. There was great anxiety during the night. The situation is even more threatening today. The sea was up to the ordinary high water mark two hours ahead of the usual time.

At 2 o'clock the sea broke through the bulkheading at Normandie and cut through the railroad tracks, cutting off all traffic. The Central Railroad officials with a big gang of men fought the sea for an hour, but the waves beat them finally and washed through, opening a big gap which cannot be filled until the storm subsides.

At the same time the sea became more savage than ever, and tore under the Octagon Hotel, which seemed doomed. Everything that could be moved out of the big building was hurried away. The waves started through where the basement used to be and the front supports were washed away and the walls simply hung from the roof, which is held in place by the rear and side walls. The hotel, with the parts washed away a week ago, was valued at \$150,000.

WIND REGISTERS 60 MILES AN HOUR.

At 6 o'clock the wind registered sixty-one miles and was out of the east and rising. Atlantic City sent word that a sixty-mile gale may be looked for. If that over his Seabright it will be all over with the battered resort.

Out on a level bit of sand, in the shelter of a house which stands back from the ocean, a group of women have been praying for hours. They kneel where the wind lashes them and at times even the spurs from the ocean are carried over the building upon them.

Twelve hundred feet of the bulkheading directly in front of the village appears to have been torn out. The fight to keep the railroad open ended in defeat and when the engineers and officials called off their men it had a disastrous effect upon the villagers. All of the cottage laws suffered. The tide has not fallen at all since it reached its highest point at 12 o'clock. It now looks as if there would be no low tide and that tomorrow morning's high tide will pile the waters still higher.

At 3 o'clock the outlook is black and growing more every hour.

The wind is steadily increasing in violence and is holding from the eastward. As the wind did not fall at sunrise it is not likely to grow less until afternoon and everything is being made ready for the worst hours the resort has ever seen. The street ends which suffered greatly during the storm last week were again lashed by the seas.

The highest water of the day was reached at 12:15 this afternoon, although at that hour the water was only a fraction of an inch higher than it had been an hour before. The sea was very rough. At 1 o'clock, and the waves made serious holes in the oceanfront. Where they tore away the bulkheading at the Octagon Hotel they have had full sweep, and have now washed around to the south of the hotel, gouging out the sand in great masses and ponding directly against the big fire of the kitchen, which rests in the sand and which may be undermined at any time and collapse.

### "BIG BILL" EDWARDS GETS JOB TO CLEAN STREETS OF NEWARK



### CENTRAL AND NEW HAVEN CUT WORKING FORCES

Construction Employees and Shop Men Feel the Effect of Official Retrenchment.

Six thousand employees of the New York Central Railroad lines have been laid off in the last three months, and it is said, more may be suspended in the months to come if business does not pick up. This is 3,000 more than the normal number laid off each winter because of the impossibility of outdoor construction work.

The total list of employees laid off by all the roads having terminals in New York approximates 26,000, estimated, as it is impossible to get exact figures from each of the roads.

Notices posted in the car shops of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in New Haven make effective to-day a reduction of 10 per cent. in the wages of several hundred employees—machinists, boilermakers, steamfitters and car workers being included.

### THERE MAY BE SNOW AND THEN AGAIN—MAYBE!

Anyhow, the Kerry Prognosticator Says If Not To-Night, Perhaps Later.

Umbrellas, rubbers and raincoats. We'll have rain or snow before night. If not before, then later. This is the weather man's prediction. To-morrow it will be clearer and colder—another prediction.

A storm has developed in the East Gulf States since yesterday's report, moving northward. It is now centered in Virginia, increasing in intensity, and accompanied on the Middle Atlantic coast by high easterly winds.

The weather man at Washington says that temperatures are higher in the Atlantic States and the Rockies and lower in the Mississippi Valley. In New York the wind will be brisk and high this afternoon and to-night and will to-morrow shift to the west.

### "BIG BILL" GETS JOB AT BETTER PAY TO CLEAN NEWARK

Street Cleaning Commissioner Displaced by Mitchel Goes to Jersey Town.

WON'T HAVE A BOSS.

Will Work for Contractor and Still Keep His Residence in New York.

"Big Bill" Edwards, former Street Cleaning Commissioner of New York, who was not reappointed by Mayor Mitchel, has been snapped up by Newark. On Monday morning Mr. Edwards will become general manager of the street cleaning department of the New Jersey metropolis.

Newark may not be so large a town as New York, but "Big Bill" has a far better job than he had here. He is under contract for two years at a considerably larger salary than New York City paid him. No politicians can bother him and he will be absolute boss of the job.

Street cleaning in Newark is not done by a city department, but is let out under contract, after competitive bidding. The present contractor is a man named Marrore, who has been very successful in a variety of public works contracts.

As soon as he heard that "Big Bill" was to be let out of the department here, Marrore took a train for New York and began bidding for the Commissioner's services. Formal contracts were signed to-day whereby Edwards becomes general manager of the Newark contract for two years, with full power to run the job as he pleases.

In addition to the large salary, Edwards will have an automobile and a chauffeur furnished him, and he will continue to make New York City his residence.

At 5 o'clock Monday morning "Big Bill" will start things hustling in Newark and give some practical demonstrations in cleaning up the town.

### KERMIT ROOSEVELT TO WED MISS WILLARD

Daughter of American Ambassador to Spain Will Be Bride of Ex-President's Son.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 3.—Personal letters received here to-day from Madrid by friends of Joseph E. Willard, United States Ambassador to Spain, reported the engagement of the Ambassador's daughter, Miss Belle Willard, to Kermit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt.

The wedding, it is said, will take place in the spring, probably here in Richmond, the home of the Willards.

Miss Willard, Kermit Roosevelt and his sister, now Mrs. Richard Derby, were guests of the Willards on a long motor trip through Virginia and ending at Hot Springs a little over a year ago. Miss Willard was one of the guests last winter at the wedding in New York of Ethel Roosevelt to Mr. Derby, but the romance between the Virginia girl and the bride's brother was not suspected.

### FIVE WHIPPED AT POST.

Frigid Gate and Rain as Prisoners Are Lashed on Bare Backs.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 3.—With a freezing north wind blowing a drizzle of rain on their bare backs, five men, one white and four negroes, were lashed with the cat-o-nine tails in the workhouse stockade to-day. The whippings were witnessed by twenty citizens who braved the cold winds, bundled up in furs.

### Bride-to-Be Probably Victim of Murder Near Mineola.



### 2,000 MEXICANS IN WAR PANIC RUSH OVER U. S. BORDER

Refugees Start Expected General Dash to Escape Death by Rebels at Ojinaga.

PRESIDIO, Tex., Jan. 3.—Two thousand Mexican refugees, including half-starved women and children and some Federal deserters, to-day rushed across the river to the United States to seek protection from the battle at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite here.

The refugees scattered for miles along the river bank were imperiled by heavy artillery firing between Federals and attacking rebels. The little mission church here was crowded with wounded. These not wounded who could be induced to get out to walk the distance to Marfa, sixty-seven miles away.

All deserters who crossed the river were held as prisoners instead of being discharged and sent back as heretofore. A general assault upon Ojinaga by Gen. Ortega's Mexican rebels began before dawn, and although this forenoon the Federals still held the town, the enemy shells burst on the American side of the river, however, and Major McNamee, the commander of the United States patrols, twice was compelled to send warnings to both Mexican commanders. His warnings were heeded immediately. No one was hurt on the American side.

Ortega declared he intended to push the assault to a conclusion before night, but the defenders were holding on.

There has been no decrease in the volume of the Federal cannon or rifle fire and it is believed they must have received a fresh supply of ammunition since yesterday.

Judging from the reports of wounded men coming to Presidio for treatment, the Federal loss must have been heavy. Many of these refugees are semi-hysterical. They say the streets of Ojinaga are "filled with dead" and that many troops are so badly wounded by bursting shells that they cannot attempt to reach the American side.

American army surgeons attending these wounded say they now estimate the Federal loss during the five days of fighting at 400 dead and 400 wounded and the rebel loss at 300 dead and 600 wounded.

Fifteen prisoners captured by the rebels during a sortie last night were summarily executed after a court-martial which convicted them of being Federal volunteers connected with Orozco's rebellion against Francisco Madero, and therefore traitors to their country. This action followed similar executions by the Federals Friday afternoon, when Gen. Orozco brought these prisoners before him and ordered them shot in the Plaza at Ojinaga. The order was carried out.

### VICTIM OF MURDER WHILE GOING HOME PREPARED TO WED

Girl Found Dying on Trolley Tracks, Trousseau With Her—Farm Hand Arrested.

A BLACKJACK IS FOUND

Among Effects of Suspected Man, Who Also Had \$90—Girl's Money Missing.

Sheriff Pettit of Nassau County arrested John Szablinsky, a farm hand, to-day in connection with the mystery of the death of Olga Zaretsky, who was found unconscious on the trolley tracks between Mineola and East Williston last night. The girl died without recovering consciousness from the effects of a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and other injuries.

Miss Zaretsky, who had been in Brooklyn buying part of the trousseau for her approaching wedding, was walking toward her home from the station at Mineola when she met her death. At first it was thought that she had been struck by an automobile which had escaped identification in the darkness. But, when it was discovered that four rings and her black handbag in which she carried her money were missing, the accident theory was abandoned.

The Sheriff learned by inquiry that Szablinsky had been an admirer of the girl and found persons who said that they had heard him make threats of vengeance when he learned she was to marry another. Szablinsky was employed as a farm hand on the Cushing place near which the crime was committed.

Szablinsky, when arrested on the farm shortly before noon to-day, was found to be possessed of \$90. He said it was his savings from his wages, but the sum is just \$10 less than Miss Zaretsky is known to have had when she left her home to go to Brooklyn yesterday.

In Szablinsky's room was found a blackjack, made of a leather receptacle, filled with fine birdshot. As there is no direct evidence as yet connecting him with the death of Miss Zaretsky, Coroner Seaman held him on a charge of having concealed weapons in his possession.

"I am convinced that this is a case of murder," said Sheriff Pettit. "The injuries to the girl's head were inflicted by some instrument and the fact that the rings and bag are missing establishes that some one took them away and that the person who took them was her assailant, for there were too many people around right after she was discovered on the tracks to have permitted the theft of her rings."

"I think that after the murder left he was struck by an automobile which spun out. This accounts for the bruises on her leg and body and one of the cuts on her head."

Three boys met Miss Zaretsky on the road in front of the Cushing place a few minutes before the tragedy. They were responsible for the theory that the girl was killed by an automobile.

### MAN FROZEN TO SIDE OF SPEEDING TRAIN

Stealing Ride, He Is Covered With Water, Which Freezes Him to Car.

TRIDENT, N. J., Jan. 3.—Numb with cold and with his clothes covered with ice, Harry Steele of Philadelphia was saved from almost certain death when the New York-Washington Limited express train was derailed at the main station here and he was dragged from the engine tender. He was stealing a ride on the train.

When the train passed a watering trough at Elizabeth his clothing was covered with water, which immediately froze, and when taken from the car here he was on the verge of collapsing.

Steele was thirty-one years old and lived at No. 39 Henry street, Corona, Queens, with his wife and two children. He had been a policeman since May, 1907, and since May, 1913, had been attached to the Clinton street station.

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### THRILLING RESCUES FROM BLAZE NEAR THE GAYNOR HOME

Policeman and Auto Employees Use Coats for Improvising Life Net and Mrs. Beguelin Drops Two Children From Third Floor.

AIDS IN SAVING MAID BEFORE FIREMEN ARRIVE

Acting Battalion Chief Walsh Nearly Loses His Own Life, But Keeps Hold of Young Woman as Ladder Falls.

A window on the third story of the home of Henry R. Beguelin of the jewelry firm of Gross & Beguelin, Madison Ave., which is at No. 63 Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, a block away from the residence of the late Mayor Gaynor, flew open shortly after noon to-day.

"Help! Help!" shouted Mrs. Beguelin. "The house is on fire."

Into the window with her were crowded her six-year-old daughter, Virginia, and the latter's nurse, Marie McGowan, a colored girl, and five-year-old Gregory Price, son of Dr. Gregory Price of Seventh Avenue, whose French governess, Marie McGowan, had brought him over to play with little Virginia.

Close by were Policemen Rank of the Bergen street station and E. J. Hines and F. H. Miller of the Packard Automobile Company, whose office is on the corner of Eighth and Flatbush Avenues. The auto men ran to the garage and returned with a ladder while Rank ran to an alarm box and sent in a call for the engine.

Smith was working through the window earlier on the parlor floor. WOMAN URGES THE RESCUERS TO HURRY.

"The stairs are on fire!" Mrs. Beguelin said to Rank. "We can't get down. Oh, hurry, please do!"

Rank and the auto men raised the ladder against the front of the house only to find that it hardly surmounted the top of the parlor windows and fell several feet short of the window at which the women stood crying for help.

Rank tore off his coat, ordering the other men to do likewise. They made a blanket of them and then the policeman called:

"Drop those children out. We'll catch them!"

Mrs. Beguelin demurred, though the closer approach of the flames drove her frantic. But Rank insisted, and at last she obeyed the order. The woman lowered little Virginia out over the window-sill and dropped her. The child screamed as she fell, but she landed safely in the improvised blanket, and, after setting her safely on her feet, Rank gathered up the coats again.

"Drop the boy!" he commanded.

Small Gregory came tumbling through the air, to be caught as Virginia had been and he, too, was set safely upright. The neighborhood was aroused by this time and women neighbors took the children to while men stood helplessly by praying for the engine to hurry.

Rank was equal to the emergency. At his command Blake and Miller assisted him to raise the ladder and, holding it at arms' length above their heads, they crowded close to the wall and got the upper end of it almost within reach of the window.

WHITE WOMEN AID IN RESCUING COLORED MAID.

Mrs. Beguelin and the French maid were calmer than the negroes and they assisted her to climb over the window sill. Her feet touched the top of the ladder and with the hands of the women above to guide her she could have descended in safety, but she lost her nerve at the last minute and with her feet already on the ladder cast herself out from the window.